

J. B. THOMAS, the editor and proprietor of Lancaster, Putnam county, *Excelsior*, died at his residence in that city, Tuesday morning of last week. His remains were interred at Mount Airy, Randolph county.

THE poor house of Chester county, Illinois, was burned one day last week. Very little was saved except an organ and a few small things belonging to Warden Gardner. Mrs. Gardner had a narrow escape from death and may yet die from her burns. Loss \$3,000.

AN Alabama legislator proposes that "all persons whose state and county taxes, as assessed, do not amount to \$5 shall not be required to pay the same if it be shown that such persons failed to vote at the August and November elections of the previous year."

THANKSGIVING eve was celebrated in the public school at Sedalia, Wednesday evening of last week by liberal donations of clothing and food to the poor. Each pupil brought something and the result was that 10 wagon loads of eatables and wearing apparel were hauled away from the schools that evening.

THE cowboys of Nebraska and Dakota, have organized a long distance race from Chadron, Neb., to the Nebraska State Building at the world's fair ground, at Chicago. The prize is to be \$1,000 and a gold medal. Nearly 300 entries will be made. Bronchos will be the animals ridden. The race will begin May 15.

A METEOR of great brilliancy passed over Kenosha, Wisconsin, Thursday morning of last week, its course being toward the northeast. It exploded soon after it passed the zenith, and a report like a distant cannon was heard. About one minute after a trail of light was visible for at least five minutes. This is supposed to herald the approaching comet.

CARNEGIE and Frick scored a success in both of the objects for which they forced the Homestead lockout. They have struck a staggering blow at organized labor. All the working men returned to their employ had to sign an agreement not to join a union. They have forced down wages—men who were earning \$9 before the lock out now get only \$4, and the \$2.25 men get only \$1.98.

HINDOOSTAN is about twenty-five times as large as the state of New York, and the Sahara desert has almost the exact number of square miles as the whole of the United States. The Mediterranean sea would cut the United States in two across its greatest breadth, making an open sea from New York to Vancouver. Great Britain and Ireland have about the same number of square miles as Arizona.

HERMANN BRIGHT, a German, aged 42 years, of Tiffin, Ohio, was run over in the railroad yards Saturday morning of last week and mangled so badly he will die. Bright came to Sedalia from Portland, Mo., where he has been employed on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. Becoming drunk, he went to sleep under a passenger train at the depot and when the train pulled out was run over.

J. B. FROST, a farmer living near Anthony, Kansas was arrested Thursday of last week by an agent of the Jarvis Conklin Mortgage company, of Kansas City, on a charge of stealing a house. Frost's house, on which together with the farm the company held a mortgage, was wrecked by last summer's cyclone. Frost removed the ruins and sold them, pocketing the money to which the mortgage company claims he has no right. It is understood that at least fifteen arrests of persons who have moved houses from mortgaged farms will follow.

THE wheat crop of Minnesota and the Dakotas is many millions of bushels above estimates. The receipts Tuesday of last week at Minnesota elevators were over 1,100 cars, the heaviest day's business of the season, but on many other days during the past month the receipts have run up to nearly 1,000 cars. Grainmen do not know just what to think of the situation. They are all at sea regarding what they are to expect. They have been estimating the crop at from 85,000,000 to 105,000,000 bushels for the three big wheat states, but they are all beginning to hedge now.

HENRY CLARK, who was arrested at Hannibal some time ago, for robbery, was tried at Palmyra last week and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. He is wanted for a similar offense in Randolph county.

DURING the Democratic celebration in Rochester, Boone county, Saturday night of last week, some one threw a stick of dynamite into a notorious saloon and completely wrecked the place. No one was in the building at the time. The saloon had become obnoxious to a large number of people, and many are pleased that the city is at last rid of it. It is not known who threw the dynamite.

A SENSATION has been created in Taney county, since the election by a notice being posted one night last week on the door of 'Squire Jones' home, at Forsyth, ordering the old justice of the peace to leave town and county within a specified number of days. 'Squire Jones' is one of the original anti Knobbers, and held the inquest over the bodies of Deputy Sheriff Williams and the lynched prisoner, Bright, last March.

THE young lady students, of the Ohio State University, created quite a sensation Thursday afternoon of last week at the institution by leaving the building in a body because of the bad sanitary condition of the rooms occupied by them. There are about 100 female students, and, according to their story, they sent word to President Scott, some ten days or two weeks ago, notifying him that the condition of the rooms was in such a bad state as to be unhealthy.

THE negroes, of Cincinnati, Ohio, held a convention in that city, last week, the object of which was to devise ways and means to remove the prejudice against their race since the war. They appointed a committee to visit the various business houses in Cincinnati and see if they were willing to employ negro clerks in their respective establishments. They propose holding another meeting next week to receive and act on the report of the committee.

J. M. KELSO, of Mexico tells the *Intelligencer* that while removing the remains of his father-in-law and mother-in-law, last week, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, from a burying ground at Bachelor to the cemetery at Harmony church, the discovery was made that the body of his mother-in-law, from the waist down, was petrified and as smooth and white as marble. The remainder of the body and also the body of Mr. Baker had returned to dust. Mrs. Baker's body had been buried over thirty years.

ANOTHER sensation has broken out at Springfield, Missouri. John E. Clark, a married man from Washington City, has for sometime been passing himself off as unmarried. During the time he has been paying his respects to a young lady in that city. Clark's true character was discovered a few days ago by some of the young lady's friends. They took charge of him at once, and dispatched for her father, who happened to be absent from the city at the time, to come home and bring his gun.

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THE conclusion has been reached that the bifurcated nether garment supposed to be specially distinctive of the masculine toilet rightly belongs to the feminine dress. The women of Judah, it seems, were the first wearers of the garment in bifurcated form, and man, perceiving the convenience and comfort of this article of dress evolved by the superior intelligence of woman, appropriated the same for his own use and doomed his womankind to incumber their limbs with flowing robes, which render it impossible for them to cope with man in the useful vocations.

MACON county is the greatest coal producing county in the state. For the year ending June 30th, last, 985,335 tons of coal were mined in Macon. In the state the output of coal was 3,017,285 tons, valued at \$3,835,828.

SATURDAY of last week was what is known in New York City as Evacuation day. Just 109 years ago on that day the British army, which had oppressed the citizens of New York during the latter years of the revolution, marched down to the battery and boarded their vessels to sail for home.

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If young boys and girls could only understand how happy it made their parents when they are doing well and conducting themselves like ladies and gentlemen, it seems to us that they would make a greater effort than they do to avoid evil deeds and acts. A greater part of the pleasure of this life to parents is found in the success and welfare of their children going out from their home. And much of their misery is bad sons and daughters.

LIEUTENANT PEABY is not yet satisfied with his exploits in the frozen North. He has applied to the navy department for another leave of absence in order to explore the arctic regions, and he has asked the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, under whose auspices he went before to extend to the project the patronage of its name. He would be glad to have the academy endorse his application to the department for a three years' leave. He will not solicit pecuniary aid.

WILL the earth and Biela's comet come into collision? Prof. Elias T. Colbert, a well known astronomer, says they will. But it is the tail of the comet that will be knocked into everlasting smithereens by the earth, while the head, 1,000,000 miles away, will continue its vagrant career. Prof. Colbert outlines some startling possibilities should old earth come full tilt against the crest of the comet. He is certain that Mr. Biela's discovery is in for a good, hard punch.

REPORTS from various parts of the state of Indiana, are to the effect, that some unknown parties were desecrating soldiers' graves. At Martinsville, Ind., the other day Michael Callahan, of the western part of Morgan county, brought the story that in the edge of Putnam county persons had taken the tomb stones from soldiers' graves, set the stones against the cemetery fence painted them red and then danced on the graves. The Rev. Jesse B. Johnson, of Hall, also corroborates the story.

WALTER GARDNER, a boy who worked at J. T. Lott's gin, 20 miles east of Brenheim, Texas, was smothered and crushed to death in a bale of cotton one day last week. The hands were busy packing cotton in the press preparatory to pressing a bale when Gardner was missed. Nothing much was thought of his absence and they filled the packing box with the lint and the press closed down, forming the bale. When the sides were dropped to roll out the bale they found the remains of the boy mashed out flat and baled up in the cotton.

CAPTAIN C. W. ADAMS, of West Adison, Vt., has raised quite a large portion of the timbers of the flagship Congress, of General Benedict Arnold's fleet, which was sunk in Lake Champlain in October, 1776. The timbers, of which there are about thirty feet of the after part of the keel and keelson, with a number of the ribs attached, are of oak, and perfectly sound. The wood, when polished, is very dark and takes a beautiful finish. It will be either worked into canes and other articles as relics, or kept intact for the world's fair. Mr. Adams has also several shells and solid shot, grape and musket balls, which he has found near the wreck.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, sr., the aged father of Governor McKinley, died Friday of last week at his home in Canton, Ohio. His death had been expected for a few days and all the family were in attendance.

IN a published interview, Senator Kyle, Populist, of South Dakota, is quoted as saying that he will act with Democrats on the tariff question and will vote for "any judicious measure that be a step in the direction of tariff reform."

JOHN MAYHEW, of Tremont county, La., has been held on the coroner's inquest into the death of his fifth wife, formerly Mrs. Erbeek, of Kansas City, the verdict being that she was poisoned. He had his preliminary examination Friday of last week. Mayhew had insured his wife's life for \$5,000 a short time before she died.

TOLSTON, a Russian Count, is coming to the United States "to live with the farmers, to study their methods of agriculture and stock raising, to become acquainted with the people of America who cultivate the soil." The count should understand in advance that there are already more Populist candidates for office in this country than can be accommodated.

MRS. JORIE L. BURTON, of Sedalia, wife of Robert Burton, a laborer, received reliable information Thursday of last week that she had fallen heir to \$20,000 by the death of James Saxton, an uncle, who died at Pleasantville, Pa., a few days ago. He was a bachelor and left an estate valued at \$120,000, which will be equally divided between six nephews and nieces. Mrs. Burton being one of them.

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John G. Provines Insane.
Editor John G. Provines has been adjudged insane by the probate court of Randolph county. Major Provines was one of the best known men in northern Missouri. He was a brilliant fellow, a bright writer and a most interesting talker. He is a graduate of the Missouri University and a son of the late Dr. Wm. Provines, of Boone county. He has a brother and son residing in St. Louis. Major Provines has been connected with the Missouri press for years having edited papers in Fulton, Moberly and elsewhere. Within the last few months he has been acting strangely and was taken to St. Louis for treatment. A few weeks ago he returned to Moberly in a most pitiable condition. He has made threats against certain Moberly citizens and against his own life and Saturday he was adjudged insane. He is now in the asylum.

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